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**INTIMATIONS:**

**STEAM TO BOMBAY AND STRAITS.**  
**THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship**

**"ADRIA"**  
will leave for the above places at **FOUR P. M. TO-MORROW**, the 21st instant

**A. MEIVER,**  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1880. [1505]

**STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, CALLING AT NAGASAKI AND KOBE.**  
**THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship**

**"SUNDA"**  
will leave for the above places at **NOON TO-MORROW**, the 22nd instant, instead of as previously notified.

**A. MEIVER,**  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1880.

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND POONCHOW.**

"KWANG'UNG."  
 Captain Young, will be despatched for the  
 above Ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst.  
 Noon, instead of as previously advertised.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 DOUGLAS LAFRANK & Co.,  
 Agents  
 Hongkong, 20th September, 1880. [1507]  
 FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.  
 The Steamship  
 "BENGLOE,"  
 is shortly expected, will have quick despatch as  
 soon as the cargo is received.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1890. [1512]  
"FOR THE LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL."  
"THE Russian Steamer"  
"RUSSIA."  
packed here in about a fortnight, has room for  
limited quantity of Cargo.  
For Freight, apply to  
J. ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1890. [1513]  
"FOR PORT DARWIN, BROOKTOWN,  
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE."

ALL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PORTS.)  
THE Steamship  
"MEATH,"  
John Johnson, Commander, will be despatched  
above on THURSDAY, to a 30th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. L. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, 20th September, 1850. [1508  
NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

"MENZALEH,"  
Mandarin Honorary, will be dispatched for  
YOKOHAMA  
shortly after the arrival of the next French  
mail from Europe.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1880.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

"SINDH"  
 mandant Mongro, will be dispatched for  
 SHANGHAI  
 by steamer arrival from Europe.  
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
 Agent,  
 Hongkong, 21st September, 1890.  
 STEAM TO SHANGHAI  
 THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship  
 "INDUS"  
 leave for the above place about 24 hours  
 after arrival with the next English Mail.

Union Insurance Society of Canton.  
Kowloon, 21st September, 1880.

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

It is hereby given that the ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG, on FRIDAY, the 1st October, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1879 and for the half year ending 30th

CLOSED from the 21st instant to the Society  
October, 1880, both days inclusive.  
Order of the Board,  
N. J. EDE,  
Secretary.  
Shanghai, 21st September, 1880. 1654  
NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COM.  
PANY.  
FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEET.  
OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at  
HEAD OFFICE, Shanghai, on TUESDAY,  
the instant, at HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK  
on presentation of the Report and Ac-

Order of the Court of Directors.  
J. KENNARD DAVIS,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 18th September, 1850. [1497]  
OPIMUM SMOKING IN CHINA.

REMIUM OF £50 is offered for the  
ESSAY on "THE MEDICAL MEANS OF  
RELIEVING THE EFFECTS OF OPIUM  
SMOKING IN CHINA." Such Essay to contain  
two as to the best method of conducting  
Non Refugo (or Hospital) in that country.  
The Essay recommended that such portions of the Essay  
deemed suitable shall be translated into Chi-  
nese and circulated among the natives as widely

ADAM BENNETT, F.R.S., President of  
all College of Physicians; Dr. SILVER-  
-vior Counselor, and Sir JOSEPH FAYRE,  
-s are concentered to act as Adjudicators.  
-s of awarding a SUMMERS PRIZE of £25.  
-days to be sent in to Dr. BROADBENT,  
-mour Street, London, W., before the  
-day, 1881. [2w1491]

A. S. J. GAUPP & CO.,  
-RONOMY, WATCH, AND CLOCK-  
-IS, JEWELLERS, SILVERSMITHS, AND  
-OPTICIANS,  
-n appointed Sole Agents for VICTOR-  
-and SONN'S Celebrated REFRAC-

ong, 4th September, 1880. [1435]  
NOTICE.  
Public are WARNED against RE-  
CEIVING FIVE-DOLLARS NOTES  
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION numbered 123,001 to 123,500,  
dated May, 1877, and issued by EDWARD  
J. NELSON, pro-  
t; these Notes having been STOLEN.  
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking  
Corporation.







## MAILS EXPEDIENT

**MAILS EXPECTED.**

**THE INDIAN MAIL.**

The direct steamer, with the next Indian Mail, left Calcutta on the morning of the 15th September, and may be expected here on the 1st or 2nd October.

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**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

627 The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

**A MAIL WILL CLOSE**

For Saigon. — Per *Charles Townsend Hook*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Straits and Bombay. — Per *Adria*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila. — Per *Ermy*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow. — Per *Canton*, to-morrow, the 22nd inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Japan, via Nagasaki. — Per *Sunda*, to-morrow, the 22nd inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Japan, via Kōbe. — Per *Sumida-Maru*, on Friday, the 1st proximo, at 5 P.M.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to issue the following Section XII. of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876, that the rate Fee charged on Correspondence posted after certain hours for Europe, America, the Australian Colonies, Hongkong, &c., shall be 10 Cents instead of 18 as hitherto.

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**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.**

The United States Mail Packet "GALLIE" will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 24th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

For Europe, America, &c. . . . . 10 P.M.

For Non-Union Countries, all Letters (except, for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late-Fee of 10 cents in Correspondence until the time of departure.

For Correspondence to the United West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay, cannot be sent by this route.

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**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**

The French Contract Packet "PELHO" will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, viz Naples, to Saigon, the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Beryt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

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**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.**

The British Contract Packet "LOMBARDY" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 6th of October, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, viz Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Beryt, Malta, and Gibraltar, which is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to Mauritius, E. Africa, the Cape, &c. Reims and Rouen.

N.B. This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies.

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**NOTES FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAIL.**

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**

**TUESDAY.**  
A.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except this night box, which is always open till 10 of office hours.

**WEDNESDAY.**  
A.M., Post Office opens.

**THURSDAY.**  
A.M., Registry of Letters closes. Posting of all private matter and letters ceases.

**FRIDAY.**  
A.M., Mail closes except for Late Letters.

**SATURDAY.**  
10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee

10 Cents until the Post Office closes entirely.  
40 P.M., Letters may be posted on-board the packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents until time of departure.

POST-ENGLISH MAIL—DAY OF DEPARTURE.  
COGN. Money Order—Office closes.  
1. The Post-Office is open on board the packet until all printed matter and pattern cases, &c., are posted.  
2. P.M., Mail closed, except for Late Letters.  
3. P.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 Cents until time of departure.  
4. P.M., when the Post-Office closes entirely.  
40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-Commissioned Officers or Army Schoolmasters or Superintending (or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom by British or by Marseilles at the rate of four cents (two pence) each, which may be either in Imperial or in Hongkong Stamps.

2.—The same privileges, apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers and Schoolmasters.

3.—All such letters prepaid at the former rate of two cents (one penny) will be forwarded to or from the United Kingdom by private steamer and not by the mail packets.

4.—Sailors and Soldiers may have a "Hocknack" for about every ten days, and are for six or seven weeks on the voyage.

5.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce, and handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, but not with the envelope.

6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, and a cover of which must be signed by the Commander of the ship, with name of regiment, ship, &c., in full.

7.—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.

8.—Sailors and Soldiers have no privileges as to regard to books or papers, nor can these be prepaid with Imperial Stamps.

9.—But not Warrant Officers, viz.—Assistant Engineer, Gunner, Boatsteward, or Carpenter.

STAMP OFFICE.

The above Office being now provided with a

ent die, books of Receipts, Port Collectors  
and the Customs Office, before the arrival in the  
country as manifest or Cheque Book. These receipt  
books can also be stamped if required.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except  
the Colonies) to the East India Union, the U. S.  
(Mexico, and Hayti), for Monte Video and Para-  
guay can no longer be sent with San Francisco.

A Pillar Box has been established at the West  
India Police Station, to receive the Sailors' (under  
the same), and another at the South front of the  
Customs Department.

The hours of clearance are as follow ---

Start Point	1.0.0.	2.0.0.	3.0.0.	4.0.0.
Departure	1.0.0.	2.0.0.	3.0.0.	4.0.0.
Arrival at the Post Office	10.30	2.30	4.45	

The correspondence of all kinds posted in either  
of the above times, the first clearance on mail day will  
be for the time for Hongkong.

All correspondence for Hongkong will be de-  
livered the same day.

Residents who keep a postage account with  
the Post Office may pay local correspondence in  
the boxes without stamp, provided the sender's  
name or recognised device appears on each ar-  
rival.

Local correspondence means that for Hong-  
kong, Brazil, or the Ports of China.

Mail closing at this hour will be kept open til  
the morning arrives from the Pillar Boxes.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING  
SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the  
United States by a sailing ship which is not no-  
tified by the sailing office, it is only necessary to  
attach to the letters in the ordinary way, marked  
in the name of the ship, and prepaid 8 cents  
half ounce as usual. This Office then under-  
takes the responsibility of retaining notices of departure  
and despatching the correspondence by the sailing  
office that the letters be posted if possible, at  
least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post  
office not sealed, that is to say, the box is  
not sealed with sealing wax, but there is no in-  
dication of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the  
necessity of carefully sealing soap boxes with  
a recognisable seal, and of sending a chit-  
with either receipt with them! The omission of  
either precaution leaves a doubt as to whe-  
ther the contents of the boxes are for the  
Post Office; the omission of the former, at  
either part of them might not have been ac-



